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Nasreddin Hoca and the Game of Delayed Statements

One day when Nasreddin Hoca was hard at work making some repairs on his roof, he heard his front doorbell ring. The Hoca shouted, "Who is it?"

A voice answered, "Hoca, will you please come down?"

The Hoca stopped the work that he was doing and carefully climbed down from the roof. Then, going in through his back door, he went to the front door and opened it. He saw at once that the man was a beggar.

The Hoca said, "Come with me!" He then led the beggar around to the back of the house and up the ladder to the roof. After they had both climbed up to the roof with some effort, Nasreddin Hoca said, "May Allah help you!" He then returned to the work he had been doing on the roof.